IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

Criminal Misc. No. 55272-M of 2007
Date of decision: 31.12.2007

Seema and another **...Petitioners**

Versus

State of Punjab and others **...Respondents**

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BINDAL

Present: Mr. Satish Sabharwal, Advocate for the petitioners.

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RAJESH BINDAL, J.

Prayer made in the present petition is for protection of life and liberty of the petitioners, who had married against the consent of their parents. Both the parties are present in Court. Petitioners have appended a copy of Marriage Certificate (Annexure P-1) issued by Gurudwara Guru Ka Bagh Akali Bunga Nihang Singha, Khuda Ali Sher, U.T.Chandigarh. As per certificate Annexure P-1 issued by the Punjab School Education Board, the date of birth of petitioner no. 1 is October 28, 1987 and she was more than 18 years of age on the date of marriage which according to the petitioners was solemnized on December 27, 2007. They are apprehending their arrest and also harassment by the police and family members of petitioner no.1, as they were not agreeable to the marriage.

Learned counsel for the petitioners contends that both the petitioners are major and have married against the wishes of their parents and as such they are fearing threat to their life and liberty.

Accordingly, the instant petition is disposed of with the direction to Senior Superintendent of Police, Ferozepur that in case the petitioners move an application before the aforesaid authority to provide protection to their life and liberty, the same shall be disposed of with a detailed speaking order and if required, necessary protection be provided to the petitioners.

December 31, 2007 **(Rajesh Bindal)**
Pka **Judge**